

A Numerical Experiment on Fermat's Theorem

(not intended as formal proof or disproof)

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Fermat's "Last Theorem" asserts that if $n > 2$, the equation
 $x^n + y^n = z^n$ cannot be solved in integers x, y, z , with $xyz <> 0$:
<http://www.fortunecity.com/emachines/e11/86/mathex5.html>.

Theorem:

For any triplets of numbers (a,b,c) obeying Pythagorean theorem
 we have $a^2+b^2=c^2$.

It perhaps could be shown (numerically) that :

$$a^n+b^n=c^n,$$

or:

$$(a^n+b^n)/c^n=k=1 \quad (\text{Fermat's Surface})$$

holds true if and only if $n=2$. $\quad (\text{Generalized Fermat's Last Theorem})$

First try: 3, 4, 5 $\quad (3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2)$

Second try: 5, 12, 13 $\quad (5^2+12^2=13^2)$

Third try: 6, 8, 10 $\quad (6^2 + 8^2 = 10^2)$

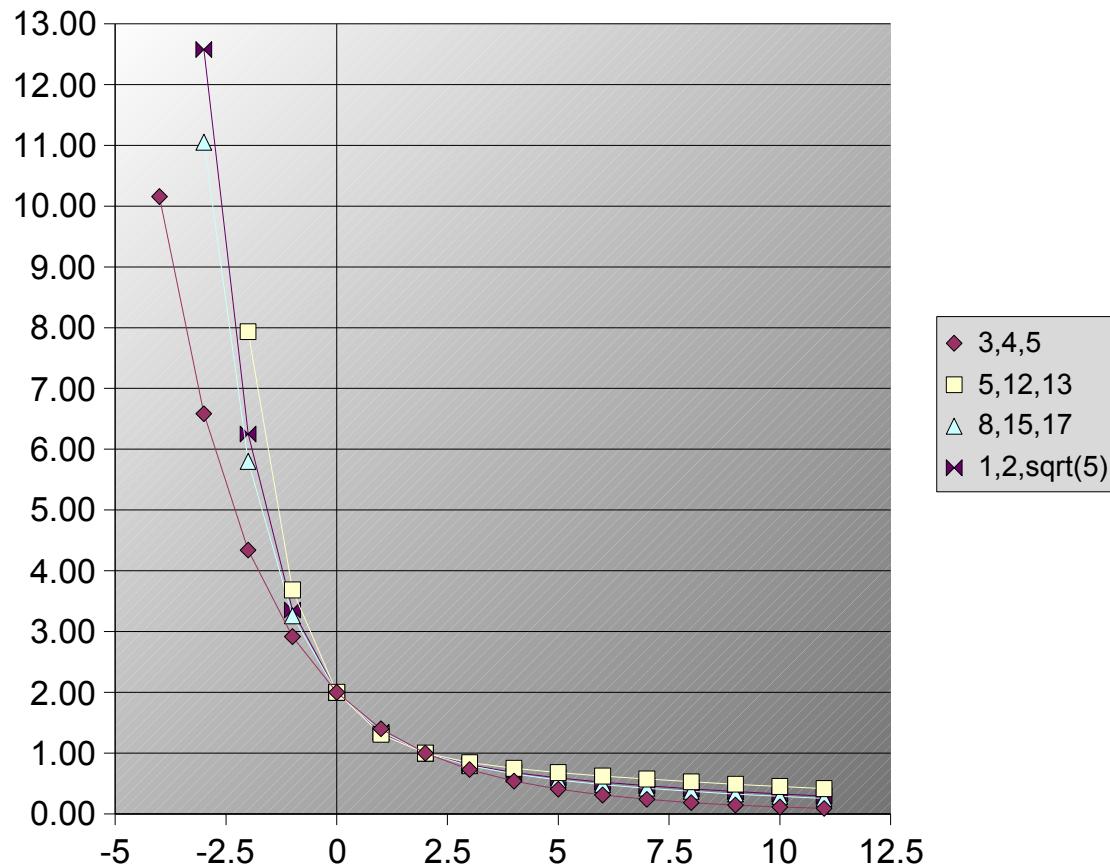
Fourth try: 1, 2, $\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}$

| N | K | | | |
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| | First try | Second try | Third try | Fourth try |
| | 3,4,5 | 5,12,13 | 8,15,17 | 1,2, $\sqrt{5}$ |
| -5 | | | | |
| -4 | 10.16 | | | |
| -3 | 6.58 | | 11.05 | 12.58 |
| -2 | 4.34 | 7.93 | 5.80 | 6.25 |
| -1 | 2.92 | 3.68 | 3.26 | 3.35 |
| 0 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| 1 | 1.40 | 1.31 | 1.35 | 1.34 |
| 2 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3 | 0.73 | 0.84 | 0.79 | 0.81 |
| 4 | 0.54 | 0.75 | 0.66 | 0.68 |
| 5 | 0.41 | 0.68 | 0.56 | 0.59 |
| 6 | 0.31 | 0.62 | 0.48 | 0.52 |
| 7 | 0.24 | 0.57 | 0.42 | 0.46 |
| 8 | 0.18 | 0.53 | 0.37 | 0.41 |
| 9 | 0.14 | 0.49 | 0.33 | 0.37 |
| 10 | 0.11 | 0.45 | 0.29 | 0.33 |
| 11 | 0.09 | 0.41 | 0.25 | 0.29 |

Conclusions:

- (i) It is clear from the diagram that for the triplets (3,4,5) and (5,12,13) k=1 only at n=2.
- (ii) For other triplets of numbers it perhaps does not obey the same formula.
- (iii) But generally speaking, from the Chart given below it appears that:
 - => For $n < 2 \rightarrow k$ tends > 1 ;
 - => For $n > 2 \rightarrow k$ tends < 1 .
- (iv) For triplets of numbers (a,b,c), which do not follow the Pythagorean Triangle (> 180 degrees or < 180 degrees), i.e. when the triangle is on curved-surface, then Fermat theorem could be broken.
- (v) We can make an 'associated condition': for the same triplets of (a,b,c) following Pythagorean theorem $a^2+b^2=c^2$, it follows that for $n=0$ then $(a^n+b^n)/c^n=k$ will yield $k=2$ (of course).

Numerical Test on Fermat's Theorem



References (for similar simplified proof of Fermat's Theorem):

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